

CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 1, 2005
6:30 – 9:00 PM
Public Works Operations Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Tim Crawford, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen and Art Stubbs

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Anne Jackson and Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Public Works Staff

Rod Swanson, Cary Armstrong and Jeff Schnabel

Audience Members

Thom McConathy and Alex Zimmerman

Call to Order

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 6/01/05 Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda
2. 5/04/05 Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes
3. City of Vancouver Planning Commission Announcement of LID Presentation
4. Summary notes from March ESA presentation
5. Washington Post article on Low Impact Development (LID)

Meeting Notes

May 4, 2005 Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes approved as written.

Public Comments

Mr. McConathy urged Clark County Clean Water Commission to work with the City of Vancouver to ensure the City of Vancouver's compliance with their upcoming NPDES Phase II permit. Mr. Swanson responded to Mr. McConathy's request and other Clean Water Commissioner's questions about the Phase I and Phase II permits.

2005-2006 Budget

Mr. Owen raised an initial question on the funding and timing of Henry Schattenkerk's hiring.

Mr. Agard outlined some questions and comments on the budget material handed out before May's CWC meeting. Mr. Agard likes the PARs that show their funding source and requests that all PARs reflect their funding information. Mr. Agard also likes the format of the budget information as laid out in the CWC County Commissioner update report dated February 2005. Mr. Agard would like this kind of budget information once every two months.

Ms. Rasmussen would like to see program budgets and spending compared year to year in graph or text format.

CWC asked for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) updates.

Motion regarding budget reporting

A motion was called by Art Stubbs and passed by voice vote. The motion requested Water Resources to submit quarterly budget information in the same format as the February 2005 Clean Water Commission update to the Board of County Commissioners, including individual project budget and expenditures, along with a page summarizing yearly expenditures by program element, and CIP updates using the standard Project Management report.

Department of Ecology's TMDL Meeting on the East Fork Lewis

Clean Water Commissioners, staff and the public discussed the meeting Ecology held on their TMDL of the East Fork Lewis. No conclusions were reached; however, Clark County Water Resources staff and the Clean Water Commission will continue to be involved in the process.

Draft 2004 Clark County Clean Water Commission Annual Report

Mr. Owen made several suggestions to improve the text as well as some changes to the Annual Report. Mr. Owen requested that a missing attachment be included for the BOCC luncheon where the Annual Report will be presented. This included adding a statement in the next steps to continue preparing for new regulatory challenges such as the Western Washington NPDES permit and the East Fork Lewis River bacteria and temperature TMDL.

Mr. Owen requested that a graph of the 2004 Clean Water Fee calls be included in the Annual Report.

Ms. Rasmussen asked that the Oil Brochure suggested by Mr. Frisbee be included in the 2004 Annual Report.

Mr. McConathy asked that a statement be included in the Annual Report saying that Clark County will coordinate their NPDES permit efforts with the City of Vancouver and the other NPDES Phase II permittees.

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Future Action: Mr. Owen also requested that Public Comments be detailed in next year's (2005) Annual Report.

Low Impact Development

Mr. Owen said he emailed Pete Capell regarding any progress on Low Impact Development (LID). Pete returned the email saying that he had been in contact with the Building Industry Associations of Clark County but there was no new information to report.

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Mr. Stubbs mentioned an article in The Oregonian that was published last week about a builder in the Portland area building a LID. Mr. Stubbs suggested getting this builder to speak at a Clean Water Commission meeting or other LID venues in Clark County.

The Clean Water Commission would really like a builder to move forward with a LID pilot project. Mr. Owen suggested asking Pete Capell about such a pilot project during the luncheon with the BOCC.

New Business

Mr. Owen brought up the idea of having the Clean Water Commission write a letter to the BOCC, which he would compose, outlining the water quality issues associated with urban development of rural areas. Mr. Owen suggested that with the BOCC looking at the urban growth boundary again, now would be a good time to write such a letter. After a brief discussion, the Clean Water Commission decided not to write the letter.

Mr. Alex Zimmerman opened a discussion on stormwater filter vaults. Mr. Zimmerman works for CSI, an erosion control and stormwater management company, and is concerned with the long term inspection and maintenance of these filter vaults. Filter vaults are being put in the ground at an ever increasing rate and he fears their treatment capacity will be severely compromised without regular inspection and maintenance. Mr. Zimmerman currently sees neither the land owners nor the county with a program in place to address this issue. Clark County Water Resources staff agreed to take a look at this issue with Clark County Operations and Maintenance.

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Mr. McConathy asked if Clark County knew that the new car wash on NW 7th Avenue and 99th Street was discharging their washwater to a county facility. Water Resources staff agreed to look into it and report their findings back to the Clean Water Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Clean Water Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at the Public Works Maintenance and Operations Conference Room, 4700 NE 78th Street from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary Armstrong

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